

No. R-156. House concurrent resolution in memory of Caryl June Stewart.

(H.C.R.113)

Offered by: Representatives O'Sullivan of Burlington, Pugh of South Burlington, Ancel of Calais, Baser of Bristol, Botzow of Pownal, Dakin of Colchester, Donovan of Burlington, Head of South Burlington, Jerman of Essex, Keenan of St. Albans City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Krowinski of Burlington, Lenes of Shelburne, Marcotte of Coventry, Masland of Thetford, McCormack of Burlington, Partridge of Windham, Patt of Worcester, Rachelson of Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Smith of Morristown, Sullivan of Burlington, Townsend of South Burlington, and Webb of Shelburne

Offered by: Senators Ashe, Collamore, Kitchel, Lyons, Mazza, McCormack, Pollina, Sirotkin, Snelling, and Zuckerman

Whereas, Caryl Stewart was born in Watertown, South Dakota, and graduated from the University of Minnesota, and

Whereas, after her first marriage, during which she lived abroad, Caryl Stewart and her two young daughters moved to a sister's home in Derby, and

Whereas, she then earned a social work degree at McGill University, and

Whereas, Caryl Stewart relocated to Chittenden County and worked in the social services field while also being a devoted mother, and

Whereas, in 1974, Caryl Stewart opted for a business career and established Bennington Potters North, a retail establishment that still thrives in 2015, and

Whereas, related to her Bennington Potters North proprietorship, Caryl Stewart served as the general contractor for the Wells-Richardson building on College Street, Burlington's first commercial historic preservation project, and

Whereas, having developed excellent financial management skills, she became a stockbroker and derived great satisfaction assisting women in becoming managers of their financial assets, and

Whereas, Caryl Stewart's prior jobs were an ideal preparation for her establishing the Vermont Development Credit Union (VDCU), now known as the Opportunities Credit Union, and

Whereas, VDCU's operating mode of teaching customers financial responsibility as a condition for loan eligibility was encapsulated in the slogan "We don't say NO, we say WHEN," and

Whereas, in 2005, the National Credit Union Association honored this unusual lending institution with its Wegner Award for Outstanding Organization, and

Whereas, empowering women politically was a passion for Caryl Stewart, and she founded the Vermont chapter of the National Women's Political Caucus and, in 1987, was a Burlington mayoralty candidate in the Democratic primary, and

Whereas, with her second husband, Pierre Boutan, she restored a Greek revival farmhouse in Essex, New York, and

Whereas, Caryl Stewart, whose life motto was "Doing It Is Everything" died at 85 years of age, and her survivors include her husband, Pierre Boutan; daughters, Gail and Lynn; a grandson; two stepsons; eight step-grandchildren; and a sister, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its condolences to the family of Caryl Stewart, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of her family.